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Well, another fan get together is behind me and I have more fun times to store away in my memory. Even though I started the weekend out feeling sick as a dog I ended up having a tremendous time. All the highlights of Wrestle War weekend from Jacksonville can be found in the first part of "Ramblings".

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#LIVE REPORT#

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

Wrestle War '92
Sunday, May 17, 1992
Jacksonville Coliseum
Jacksonville, FL

Dark Match

Tommy Rich & Dallas Page beat Firestarter Chip & Bob Cook in 8:21. Cook had his own personal cheering section in our gang. Wish they hadn't made him do the job. Page pinned Bob after a reverse DDT neckbreaker. * $\frac{1}{4}$

U.S. Tag Team Championship

The Freebirds won the U.S. straps beating Greg Valentine & Terry Taylor in 16:00. Not as bad as I thought it would be. They did a great spot when Hayes went for a DDT on Greg but Taylor hit him with a five arm. When Valentine went for the pin, the place thought it was over. Liked the finish as Garvin DDT'd Terry while Hayes layed out Greg with the fist. Birds worked harder than usual. **

3rd Match

Johnny B. Badd pinned Tracy Smothers in 7:00 after Tracy missed a savate kick and Badd hit him with his tutti fruttì. One of many bouts I could have watched on TBS. *

4th Match

Scotty Flamingo beat Marcus Bagwell in 7:08. I'm sorry but Scotty has done absolutely nothing for me since arriving in WCW. They did a nice spot where they both went over the top rope. Finish saw Scotty reverse a roll up with use of tights. 3/4*

5th Match

Ron Simmons pinned Mr. Hughes in 9:28 with a front slam. Thsi was to be a tag with JYD joining Ron and Cactus with Hughes but Jack attacked JYD on the ramp before the bout began and knocked him out of action. It was mainly done to get Jack over more but it also took the best worker of the four out of the bout. Hughes took an awesome bump from a backdrop where he landed between the rings. It looked like he broke his neck. * $\frac{1}{2}$ for the entire scenario.

6th Match

Super Invader put us all to sleep by beating Todd Champion in 5:07. Yes, Todd is still clumsy and Hercules (Invader) is still God-awful. Herc won with a powerbomb. -*****

7th Match

Big Josh delivered the northern exposure on Richard Morton in 7:32. Morton was a sub for Diamond Stud. (See Ramblings.) Another TBS bout. 3/4*

WCW Lightheavyweight Championship

Brian Pillman retained his title by pinning Tom Zenk in 15:27. Built the bout up well. Was sort of dull until the 8:00 mark. A lot of nice spots including one where Brian goes for his shoulder block from the apron but

Zenk turned it into a powerslam. Not much heat in the middle but picked up near the end with good near pins. End came as Zenk missed a top rope dropkick and Pillman grabbed his legs and flipped on top for the win. ***

Tag Team Match

Steiner Brothers defeated Tatsumi Fujinami & Takayuki Iizuka in 18:09. After seeing this match, I firmly believe that the Steiners need an attitude adjustment. They beat the piss out of these two, especially Iizuka. Takayuki was standing on the apron when he was not in the match in obvious pain. He had a hard time keeping his eye open and his mouth and nose were bleeding. At one point when Tatsumi had Rick in the corner and was giving him repetitive kicks, Rick got hot and shot Fujinami to the mat. With all the japs gave the Steiners I couldn't believe Rick and Scott's attitude. Move of the night had to be when Fujinami had Rick up on his shoulders and Iizuka came off the top rope but Rick power-slammed him. Rick finished off Iizuka with a blockbuster suplex. ***3/4

War Games

Sting's Squadron beat The Dangerous Alliance in 23:15 when Bobby Eaton submitted to an armlock after Larry Zbyszko hit him with the corner of the ring by mistake. Rude had unfasted the corner of the top rope. This was by far my match of the year at this point. Total carnage. Steve Austin was juicing like crazy as was Dustin who was super in this bout. Windham hit the juice button as well. Everyone worked super except for Nikita (although I don't believe I watched him at all during the bout) and Bobby Eaton who couldn't do anything due to his right arm being totally screwed up. (More on that in "Ramblings") Hard to describe all the action. If you didn't get this show, rent it when it comes to your local video store. This match is worth it alone. Now I wonder if the cowboy will let me have some royalties. ****3/4

***** RAMBLINGS *****

Of course the big news is that Bill Watts was named vice president in charge of wrestling operations of WCW on May 12. This puts Watts ahead of both Kip Frey (who was basically reassigned) and Dusty Rhodes. So us hardcores finally get our dream. Now if this don't work, as Jeff Siegel said, maybe we'll have to take up needlepoint. So alot of notes on Wrestle War weekend dealt with the scuttlebutt going around concerning this development. Wrestle War Weekend Notes: My grade on the show? Thumbs in the middle. (Yeah Scott, I changed my mind.) I was going to go down but I felt that was too harsh considering the top three bouts. Everything else to me was a waste.... The IWF show we were going to attend on Sat. night in Jax was cancelled so we thought we were showless but lo and behold the Atlanta boys went to a convenience store on the way down and saw a poster advertising a show by Southeastern Wrestling Alliance in Callahan, FL. The main event was Chris Sullivan (TBS jobber) vs. K.C. Thompson. You had to picture this scenario. A town in the middle of nowhere with all these locals in the gym and in walk about 30 outsiders ready to raise hell. We owned that gym. The promoter came up and asked if someone could ring announce and Scott Hudson accepted. Don't know why he kept looking at little kids feet while he was doing it though. Sullivan actually changed the rules to his main event as a "falls Count Anywhere" match. When they were brawling in the bleachers Thompson kicked Sullivan and he rolled down. Ouch. They then took it to the concession stand and squirted ketchup and mustard all over each other and brawled in there as well. Fan of the night had to be former GWF announcer Craig Johnson who was going crazy at bleacherside.For fans who have never been to a wrestling get together here is a partial list of fans that were here. Most names you'll recognize: Dave Flaherty the "Bitch Magnet" himself although I think his power was on low this weekend. Dave also brought a tape that is a must for a party. A five minute flatulent parody on evangelists. Oh, and tell him to tell you the cake pan story as well, especially during dinner.... John Hitchcock and Bruce Mitchell with their counterpart Obin Johnson. (Some of the signs the G-Boro boys made up for the PPV were, "Sid? Just say no". and a picture of Bugs Bunny with the caption, "Watts Up, Ted?". The Atlanta contingent of Scott Hudson, Craig Johnson, Steve Prazak, and Lou Ludinski. (Sorry if I spelled that wrong Lou.) Jeff Siegel who became the quote man with these two beuts: "There's no juice at the breakfast buffet in honor of WCW", and after we heard that Watts was stopping all travelling between faces and heels he hit this line, "If the faces travel together and the heels travel together, bdb the tweeners travel with Jim Barnette?" Bob Ferretti (one on one hoop at the next get together pal) and his buddy Todd who we should have watered as he sat at a barstool from 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. without moving. Where was he putting all that beer that was going into his body and not coming out? ...Rounding out the crew were Mike "Mons" Gunter, Harry White, Lenis Sargent, Stately Wayne Manor, Mike Noble, Paul Spiegel, Shannon Rose, Taylor, fellow sheet editor Alex Marvez, Tony Aragona, Bruce Grummert, the Zajicek Twins, Desiree, Apter photo, Duane Long, and Theresa.

Special thanks go to Chris Qualmann who arranged the hotel and meeting room and getting Lance Russell and Gordon Solie to come in and hold court with us on Sunday in our room. Also thanks to Bob Roop who came up from South Florida as he had some wild stories to tell as well. ..Now to all of you who are really bored with all this and don't ever want to go to a weekend like this, here is some real wrestling news.....Bobby Eaton will be out for about six weeks as he has no use in his right arm at all. Give him tons of credit for getting in the War Games at all.....There is a slight chance Jake Roberts may not be headed in as there was an incident at the last Omni show which could jeopardize his coming on board.....Bill Watts has instituted a number of rules for the boys including no more traveling together or hanging out in the bars together. (Meaning heels with faces.) Didn't look like it was in effect in Jax as there were examples all over the place including Dustin working out with Tracy Smothers.....He also wants to remove mats at ringside because "His boys take bumps on the floor.".....A lot of the wrestlers are optimistic but wary of the changing of the guard.....There is speculation that Watts told the Steiners to shoot on Fujinami & Iizuka in hopes that the Japs won't want to work with WCW anymore. Apparently Bill doesn't like the idea. Iizuka was reported to have been taken to the hospital with bones broken in his face but I haven't had that confirmed.....The June 16th Clash will not be aired live as TBS gave the slot to a Braves game. The show will be taped that night and air the 22nd which is two days after the PPV from Mobile.....Communication with the sheets may be off soon as well as Watts is a big proponent of keeping results and angles quiet until they happen. It was reported that in the production meeting when Gordon Solie asked Dusty Rhodes if the Freebirds were still going to win the U.S. Tag belts, Dusty looked at Watts and Bill told Gordon to wait until tomorrow and see.....Watts has cancelled the PPV's in August and September and will only run 4 per year. He wants to gain house show attendance and will start running two shows per night in August with split crews. Will be horrible at first I guarantee that.....WCW Saturday Night format will be scrapped and they'll go back to taping at Center Stage.....Diamond Stud quit the promotion and get this, will go to work for Vince as a Fonzie gimmick. I'm not kidding.....We all saw Jason Hervey talking to Dennis Brent as we headed out to the indy on Sat. night. Here's what he said, "Just give me an answer. Don't kayfabe me. What's your best guess?" We all wanted to put masks on and jump the little weasel but we left him to see Fred Savage another day.....Ole Anderson will be coming to work to enforce the rules with the boys and also will special ref some bouts. There is talk he will help Watts and Dusty book. Believe it or not Jake Roberts name came up as a member of that booking crew.....Those that think Dusty is on thin ice, don't believe it. Watts and Dusty were like bosom buddies all weekend long.....It'll be very interesting to see what the next few months in this group brings. There are a lot of positives to this move but negatives as well. Good luck Cowboy Bill.....Cleaning out the notebook: Marty Jannetty beat Hercules on a card in Ft. Lauderdale on 5/16. He was to be in Tampa for ICWA but no showed.....Chris Love running a show in Dallas with Patriot vs. Billy Travis with the winner getting a shot at Jerry Lawler. That show is 5/22.....5/15 in Dallas for GWF saw 200 witness 9 squash bouts plus a main event of Tatum & Rod Price beat The Good Fellas via DQ.....NCW has a tourney on 5/21 with Fantastics, Ivan Koloff, and Wahoo McDaniel skedded for Spartanburg?.....Did you catch Family Feud last week with the WWF vs. WBF? Here's two rocket scientists for you. Brian Knobbs when asked what gymnastics equipment is used, "A tennis racquet". And Sherri Martel when asked "Where do you wish parents didn't take their kids?" Her answer was Honolulu, Hawaii.....Chris Walker and British Bulldog were both suspended for..what else, unprofessional conduct.....I want to know where Vince Russo got that info on top ten grossing federations. LPWA is fourth? What the hell is the USWF. If they are fifth I'd like to see them. And the AP top ten-is the Dallas Times Herald still running those?.....Kudos to John Arezzi for not endorsing any boycotts.....I don't want to get involved in this Arezzi-Russo thing but I'd like to see it put to bed ASAP. Judging from the reaction in Jacksonville, the longer this goes on the more questions people will have concerning John's part in all this. Either Russo is a damn good politician or I'm naive as hell. He came off pretty convincing in Alex's interview last week. And after hearing some comments Phil Mushnick made back in 1985, I'm starting to question his credibility. And no, I don't have any checks being sent to my house from Stamford, CT. I'm just telling it like I see it.....The way McMahon is drawing lately, maybe he should go back to those smoke filled arenas or just run a show right after a WCW PPV (cough,cough).....6/12 in Hammonton, NJ has the Pit Bulls vs. Afa & Samu, also Bam Bam Bigelow, Cheetah Kid, Johnny Hotbody, and Kokina.....The Stomper from IWF has a good part in Burt Reynolds new flick being shot called "Cop & 1/2".....CWF on 5/24 at the Skate-A-Rama will see Jumbo Berretta face Big V.....Here's what everyone is dying to hear: CROW of P.O. Box 1712, Henderson, KY 42420 is selling a 6 hour commercial free Smoky Mountain tape for \$19.00. Good quality and great stuff..... That's it gang. See you in two weeks with Evan Ginzburg, Scott Hudson, Mike Terry, Jeff Bowdren, and more.

Take care, Ron

LIVE REPORT

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

Friday, May 8, 1992

Orlando Arena

Orlando, FL

Opening Match

The Genius beat Jim Brunzell in 5:51. Brunzell was a sub for Walker who was suspended for the dreaded "unprofessional conduct". Poffo now sports a full body suit like Randy Savage. Wonder if he's trying to hide the difference in his body since he got off the juice like Randy. Heh, heh. They did some nice sequences but bad execution. Brunzell went for a backdrop but Lanny small packaged him. $\frac{1}{2}$ *

Tag Team Match

Nasty Boys defeated Owen Hart & Jim Powers in 9:49. Best bout of the night. Saggs feigned going after Titan photog Steve Taylor. Owen grabbed the ring mic and yelled, "Come on Nasty Girls." Which got Pavlov's dogs chanting "Nasty Girls, Nasty Girls." They did a nice spot as Knobbs missed a corner charge on Owen and Hart came out of the corner and flattened Saggs with a clothesline. Finish saw Powers covering Knobbs but Saggs came in with a legdrop and put Brian on top for the pin. ** $\frac{1}{4}$

3rd Match

Hacksaw Duggan beat Repo Man via DQ in 11:06. Worst match I've seen so far this year. Duggan replaced British Bulldog who is out for the same reason as Walker. Gee, what do those two have in common. Fans started chanting "USA" without Duggan's provocation. They're getting worse. I love Repo's entrance and music but after that forget it. I know they inflate weights, but Repo at 292 lbs.? Duggan threw the ref down but no DQ and then Repo hit Hack with the rope and he got DQ'd. Please Bill Watts, don't even think for a second on bringing Duggan in. -*****

Main Event

Ultimate Warrior squashed Papa Shango in 4:13. Warrior got a good pop coming out but after that there was no sustained heat what sevever. Warrior looks bigger than at WM. Ahem. Won it with the patented shoulder block and splash. *

5th Match

Rick Martel used the ropes to pin Tito Santana in 12:06. There is nothing to say about this bout that would make you care. Martel stinks. Dud

Intercontinental Championship

Bret Hart pinned Shawn Michaels in 12:59. Sherri wasn't with Michaels. Shawn's style is starting to resemble Martel's. Jumping out of the ring and stalling after every spot. Lots of near falls at the nd. Shawn went for a suplex but Bret scooted down his back and sunset flipped him. **

Tag Team Match

Legion of Doom disposed of Beverly Brothers in 9:13. Hawk hit Blake with a clothesline from the top rope for the win. No Ellering and not much offense for heels. * $\frac{3}{4}$ NOTES: ATT: 2,900 Worst in a while. Not a bad show if you were expecting to stay home and sleep.

WATTSMANIA SET TO RUN WILD - Thumbs up to the Ted Turner Organization for giving "Cowboy" Bill Watts a position as v.p. in their group. This has been a longtime hardcore wrestling fans dream. The thought of the legendary Bill Watts running the Turner wrestling group is a Christmas present seven months early for me personally. I hope the big Cowboy takes a large broom to the dead weight at WCW and makes the tv product (which there is too much of) must-see items. Let's cross our fingers for the best possible results.

CORRECTION - In last month's plug-o-rama I made a statement which was in error. Dave Meltzer does not use Steve Sims as source for Lucha Libre info. I humbly apologize to both editors for this error. Steve's Lucha Libre Weekly (1427 West Dickens Ave, Chicago, Ill, 60614 - \$1.00 an issue) is your absolute best source of Lucha Libre data including the Japanese action with luchadors.

OFF MY CHEST TIME - I usually try to avoid the sheet wars ~~but I will~~ give the downward thumb to a newsletter, an editor, or a fellow writer. I will quickly disagree with an idea or an action but nothing personal. Some of favorite people in the newsletter world (Dr Mike Lano, Jeff Mullin, Lance Levine, Teresa DeMarie, Bill Kunkle etc) are those willing to stick their opinions out there for the world to see. I for one am getting damn tired of reading suck-up letters to the editor from idiots who have nothing to say they only want to 1.) Get their names in print or 2.) kiss the editors ass by telling how much they liked interview/article/whatever etc. I don't want to read letters from marks and these suck-up letters have to go. It's fine to agree or disagree with a letter or column but lay off the brown-nosing !!!

PLUG - O - RAMA - From The Ring is put out by Andrew Goldberger, POB 6, Port Jefferson Station, N.Y., 11776 and the cost is \$1.50 an issue. This is not an Obscure clone or actually like anything else on the market. Billed as stories written by the wrestling community and that it is. Recent issues have featured articles written by Dr Death/Steve Williams and one on the ill-fated tour of Lebanon by Afa (of Wild Samoans fame). The current issue has Dutch Mantell writing about the death of Bruiser Brody and the events that followed. A MUST READ FOR BRUISER BRODY FANS !!! Check it out !

LAST CALL - I borrowed a typewriter to type this column but made sure I could use the script printwheel. I have two things that I hope that Bill Watts does with WCW. I would very much like to see Lance Russell on tv on a weekly basis (tho with Jim "hidden agenda" Ross around that may not be possible). I would very much like to see Nasty Ned Brady (currently called the Possessor) brought in with a push and a tag team of Gary Albright and Danny Peterson formed and brought in to feud with the Steiner Bros. Of course it sure would ##### to see Jim Connette back in WCW



SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

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CENTER STAGE (Atlanta, Georgia) 05-11-92. "WCW SATURDAY NIGHT" TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKENDS OF 05-23 THROUGH 06-06..**(05-23)**: Rick & Scott Steiner over Tracy Smothers & Richard Morton ..The Super Invader over Larry Santo & Steve Pritchard..Terry Gordy & Steve Williams over Terry Bronson & Joey Maggs..Ron Simmons over Terry Taylor..Nikita Koloff, Rick Steamboat, & Dustin Rhodes over Arn Anderson, Larry Zbysko, & Bobby Eaton..**(05-30)**: The Great Mutha over Brad Armstrong..**(06-06)**: No matches taped..**NEWS AND NOTES**

(05-23): Dave Casper, formerly of the Oakland Raiders, co-hosted with Jim Ross. The interviewee is Diamond Dallas Page, who is set to replace Steve Beverly on the WCW Hotline. Page then brings out Paul E. Dangerously and shows him a videotape. The tape supposedly proves that Dangerously had paid off the women who claimed to have had affairs with Steamboat. This leads to an argument between the two. Steamboat then appears at the top of an aisle in the crowd and walks to the ring to confront Dangerously. Anderson, Eaton, & Zbysko come out to protect Dangerously but Steamboat jumps all four of them. Barry Windham, Koloff, & Rhodes come out to even things up. During the fracas, Steamboat relieves Dangerously of his trousers..The main event is a *** brawl which saw Steamboat pin Zbysko to win Fall 1, Rhodes be disqualified for using Dangerously's phone to give the heels Fall 2, and Koloff pin Anderson, who had been "accidentally" hit by Zbysko to take Fall 3 and the match for the faces..Anderson & Zbysko had a nose-to-nose stare down during the post-match..**(05-30)**: Ricky Rachtman, host of MTV's "Headbanger's Ball", was the co-host. Arn Anderson was the guest. He did a good, but uneventful, interview about Sting..The 2 out of 3 fall main event was a ** bout which saw Mutha take it in two straight with a small package and handspring elbow / moonsault combination respectively..

(06-06): This show's co-host was Paul E. Dangerously. The main event will be a defense of the WCW TV Title by Barry Windham against Arn Anderson, however, this match was not taped here. Missy Hyatt introduced Ross while dressed like Alexandra York and acting pretty depressed. She was not her usual effervescent self. Dangerously introduces Madusa as the interviewee for this show. Madusa, during her interview, began a verbal tirade against Missy. Missy, seated at ringside, retorted and the fight (over who has the better body) was on. Madusa fired the first shot by removing her outer raiment revealing a stunning one-piece swimsuit of 85% mesh and 15% very strategically placed cloth. This prompted Missy to remove her shoes, her jacket, and almost her shirt. She was prevented from, ahem, exposing the business by Doug "Overpaid to Manhandle Babes" Dillenger, who extricated her from the set. This will all culminate in a "Duel In The Sun" bikini contest at the 06-20 "Beach Blast" Pay-Per-View from Mobile Alabama. I can not wait. **ATT**: 850+ (with over 200 turnaways).

THIS IS IT!: For many years, smart fans from Alex to Zinger have screamed for the return of Bill Watts to the wrestling mainstream. Based solely on the remembrance of the Universal Wrestling Federation, we have clamored for the Big Cowboy to "walk tall" through WCW and swing the big stick. Well, now we have our wish. Watts is now the Vice-President of Wrestling Operations for WCW with what would appear to be total control. Damn, I'm excited about this, but if it doesn't work, those of us who screamed for his hiring will lose a lot of credibility..... Wow. That is one heavy statement. Mr. Watts, kick ass and take names. OOO! WHAT A RUSH!!!

THE LAST WORD...

I purposefully omitted any mention of The Lightning Kid's tryout match from Center Stage with Bob Cook. It was taped so it may see air one day. I hope so because it was a *** 3/4 match that is almost a Lightning Kid Greatest Hits match! Watch for it!

NOTES FROM THE PARKING LOT

by,
Marianne Ryan

So another WCW pay-per-view is history. Two old-timers (the Freebirds) defeated another old-timer and his not far behind partner (Valentine and Taylor). The Steiners once again showed why they are considered the best tag team around. Marcus Bagwell (the old hot new thing) did a job for Scotty Flamingo (the new hot new thing), and half the WrestleWar participants bled all over each other.

WCW manages to provide some old favorites, some young, soon-to-be stars, some great wrestling and some good (and even bloody) brawling. So why is it that they cannot draw anybody, anywhere?

Last month, people were joking that the WWF managed to draw only 3500 to the Horizon. WCW would kill for that many. At the Pavilion, anything over 1000 is a good crowd.

The organization truly manages to provide something for everyone. If you think Sting is a lightweight champ, there's always someone like Arn Anderson, the consummate wrestler. No face paint, no cute nickname, just a ton of talent and a slightly sadistic attitude. If you don't find WCW's opportunistic tag teams (like PN News and JYD) to your liking, there are always the Steiners with their innovative moves. If you don't like Van Hammer, there's always JT Southern.

But maybe that's the problem. There is so much of so many different things. Dueling guitarists is not why I like wrestling. The production of the television shows is still not what it could and should be. And it is still a dumping ground for WWF rejects-most recently Jim Neidhart and Hercules.

I hope by bringing someone in to oversee what Dusty is doing, things will change. They need to narrow their focus and give WCW a real identity. It's no longer enough to simply say "We wrestle." Let's face it, when was the last time you saw Neidhart wrestle, or JYD, or DDP?

Some random thoughts...Now that the WWF is getting rid of its steroid-enhanced wrestlers, you notice how guys like Earthquake, Typhoon, and now Kamala are getting a lot of attention? Is this a trend we really want to see, and can PN News be far behind? The next time we see Davey Boy Smith he will either be much smaller, or in a different federation. He has been given six weeks to get off the juice or he's gone. Shawn Michaels is going it alone these days as Sherri is enjoying a much deserved vacation. She returns the beginning of June.

Finally, why does it seem the new trend is to give someone who deserves a title one, but make them pay dearly for it? Terry Taylor had to team with Greg Valentine to get his, and Ted DiBiase got his, but he and IRS have to defend it against guys who each weigh 200 more pounds than them. It's just not fair. Until next month...

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 #CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER#

Field Kinley Auditorium (NCWA)
 Correspondent: Gary Waugh

Coffeyville, KS

April 24, 1992

1) Don Juan pinned Hollywood Hitman. 2) Satin Doll over Sabrina Fury in a ladies match. 3) Destroyer downed Terry Fox. 4) Don Juan & Fury beat Hitman & Doll in a mixed tag. 5) Cowboy Contrell beat Little Tokyo in a midget match. 6) Jim Neidhart over The Barbarian (WWF's) in the main event. ATT: 180

Cabor Rams Youth Ass. Building (ECW)
 Correspondent: Dan Wolfe

Philadelphia, PA

April 25, 1992

1) Salvatore Bellomo won a battle royal. 2) Crybaby Waldo pinned C.N. Redd. 3) Rick Perez & Mr. Anthony over Jim Kelly & J.T. Smith. 4) Jimmy Snuka won another battle royal. 5) Glen Osborne over Jimmy Jannetty. 6) The Sandman beat Tony Stetson. 7) The PitBulldogs downed Johnny Hotbody & Jeff Royal when Spike pinned Jeff Royal. 8) Jimmy Snuka beat Sal Bellomo to win the first ECW championship.

West Palm Beach Fairgrounds (WCW)
 Correspondent: Jeff Bowdren

West Palm Beach, FL

April 30, 1992

1) Diamond Dallas Page pinned Marcus Bagwell. 2) Johnny B. Badd over Tracy Smothers. ** $\frac{1}{4}$ 3) Dustin Rhodes defeated Mr. Hughes. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 4) Terry Taylor & Greg Valentine beat The Freebirds via DQ. * 5) Barry Windham downed Larry Zbyszko. *** 6) Steiner Brothers over Arn Anderson & Bobby Eaton in a non-title bout. * 7) Rick Steamboat & Nikita Koloff over Steve Austin & Rick Rude when Nikita pinned Austin after the sickle. ATT: 400

Spartanburg Arena (NCW)

Spartanburg, SC

April 30, 1992

Correspondent: Danny Parris

1) Mike Somani beat Tony Star Blaster in 9:58. * 2) Scotty Piper (does a Roddy gimmick but not as good obviously but not bad either.) & Plowboy Thompson went to a no contest with Rattlesnake Westbrook & Black Scorpion in 16:29. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 3) Billy Eagle beat Mitch Pruett in 9:00. * $\frac{3}{4}$ 4) Jay Eagle and Grim Reaper went to a no contest in 15:46 for the National title so the belt was held up pending a tourney on 5/21. 5) Dave Melton beat Butcher Blackwell in a lumberjack bout in 11:49. * 6) Scotty Piper won a 12 man battle royal in 8:28. ** ATT: 95

Central Florida Fairgrounds (IWF)

Orlando, FL

May 2, 1992

Correspondent: Anthony Aragona

1) A.J. Watson and Molly McShane went to a 10:00 draw in a ladies bout. 2) Bad Boys beat Dynamite Express. After a ref bump one of the Dynamites pinned Billy Brooks but the ref in a daze raised Bad Boys hands. 3) Raul Mata pinned Java Ruuk in a luche style match. Ruuk is Tony Mella. 4) Chubby M.C. over The Stomper when Nasty Ronnie interfered with a chair. 5) Kendall Windham pinned IWF TV champ Cliff Anderson but pin had to occur within ten minute mark but Kendall scored the win at 16:00. 6) Long Riders over Haertbreakers in a bunkhouse match which left the arena looking like a tornado went through it. Mr. Terrific got pinned after Till accidentally hit him with a chair. 7) Black Jack Mulligan pinned The Possessor to retain the IWF title.

UIC Pavillion (WCW)

Chicago, IL

May 3, 1992

Correspondent: John Pinzker

1) Michael Hayes DDT'd Dallas Page. * 2) Greg Valentine pinned Marcus Bagwell. Bagwell isn't over in Chi-Town. More cheers for Greg. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 3) Nikita Koloff over Van Vader via DQ in a short bout. 4) Ron Simmons powerslammed Terry Taylor in a bout filled with comedy. *** 5) Johnny B. Badd used his left hand to floor Tracy Smothers. ** 6) Tom Zenk beat Mr. Hughes with a dropkick off the top rope. 7) Barry Windham & Dustin Rhodes beat Larry Zbyszko & Steve Austin in a bullrope match. * 8) Rick Rude defeated Ricky Steamboat via DQ when Steamer got caught with a chair that Rude brought in. *** $\frac{1}{2}$ 8) The Steiner Brothers won the WCW tag titles by beating Arn Anderson & Bobby Eaton in a cage match when Rick caught Bobby coming off the top rope and powerslammed him. ****

St. Joseph Civic Arena (WCW)

St. Joseph, MO

May 8, 1992

Correspondent: Bruce Grummert

1) Big Josh buttdropped Richard Morton. 2) Van Hammer pinned J.T. Southern in a horrible bout. 3) Junkyard Dog big thumped Mr. Hughes. 4) Ron Simmons used a flying shoulderblock to beat Cactus Jack in about where Cactus didn't work that hard. 5) Great Muta & Nikita Koloff downed Rick Rude & Van Vader via DQ

when Harley Race interfered. Muta looked tremendous. 6) Greg Valentine & Terry Taylor over Marcus Bagwell & Tom Zenk when Greg pinned Z-Man after a Taylor clothesline. 7) Ricky Steamboat pinned Steve Austin. Good work by Paul E. 8) Steiner Brothers beat Bobby Eaton & Arn Anderson to retain the title with the same finish as their title win in Chicago. ATT: 1,340

Municipal Auditorium (WCW) Kansas City, MO May 9, 1992
Correspondent: Robert Garrison & Bruce Grummert

1) Big Josh beat Richard Morton with the Northern Exposure in a * $\frac{1}{2}$. 2) Van Hammer pinned J.T. Southern. Hammer actually tried a kip up but stumbled and had to grab the ropes to prevent from falling. * 3) Cactus Jack & Steve Austin beat Ron Simmons & Junkyard Dog. *** $\frac{1}{2}$ 4) Great Muta beat Mr. Hughes. Hughes made Muta look bad by being out of position for everything. * $\frac{1}{4}$ 5) Nikita Koloff over Van Vader via DQ due to interference from Race. *** $\frac{1}{4}$ 6) Taylor & Valentine beat Zenk & Bagwell. *** $\frac{1}{2}$ 7) Steamboat beat Rick Rude via DQ when Rude attacked Ricky with the US title belt. *** 8) Steiners retained the tag belts turning back Anderson & Eaton once again. *** $\frac{1}{4}$ ATT: 2,460

Tampa Sportatorium (ICWA) Tampa, FL May 16, 1992
Correspondent: Shannon Rose

1) Star Riders over Gods of Steel. 2) Tommy Starr pinned El Bandito. 3) Jim Backlund and Mark Starr went to a no contest. 4) Al Perez defeated Lou Perez. 5) Dan Spivey and Johnny Ace went to a double count out. 6) Dick Slater over Hurricane Walker (sub for Hercules)

LETTERS TO "AR"

Sting

Regarding Klon's comments about Sting, I think part of Sting's problem with Big Van Vader comes from the fact that most American wrestlers (Ric Flair and a few others excepted) don't have to work a solid style anymore to get over. If Sting were accustomed to working the Vader style he might not have suffered his injury at the Omni. That's pure speculation, of course, since injuries are always a risk in this business, but at least Sting might have known what was coming. Sting can wrestle when he wants to, the problem is he doesn't have to given the overall nature of the current american wrestling scene. As for Sting's refusal to do jobs, watching Japanese and Mexican tapes has convinced me that anyone whose ego is so big he can't do at least an occasional clean job is too immature to be involved in a high risk profession in the first place, and that includes Sting and Hulk Hogan.

I'd also like to associate myself with Klon's comments about Steve Sims. Steve's Lucha Libre Weekly is excellent, covering not only Mexico but Lucha action in Japan and California as well. I can personally attest to Steve's willingness to be of service to other fans.

Tim Whitehead
Johnson City, TN

Scandals

A question for you or your readers to ponder: Isn't some of the sheet community just as guilty as McMahon when we turned our heads to much of what is "headlines" today? Many of us knew of the sexual preference and practices of the WWF heads. No one really got on the morality bandwagon until now.

Vince knew, we knew, now the whole world knows. Wouldn't it had been better just to keep quiet? This whole affair has just tarnished wrestling a little more.

This whole "Titagate" shit has made me not even want to watch wrestling. It's not Vince's fault because I've lost interest. This time the fault is in the hands of people named Irv, Dave, Wade, Phil, Bruno, Barry, Larry, Wayne, Murry, Rita...etc.

Brian Tramel
State University, AR

RL- Many of us in the sheet community just speculated on what went on in Titan. We never had anyone come out with allegations until now. Does anyone else want to answer this one?

Meadowlands Controversy

I recently received two free tickets from WWF's Titan Tower for the Meadowlands arena. The first event will be July 16, and a big card is planned. WWF wrestled there in late '89. They left when WCW started occupying the arena. WCW told me in a letter that they were still wrestling there but didn't know the next date. Could this be one of the WWF's tricky scams, giving away free tickets (like they did at WMVIII) to make the house look full so the arena can't say they aren't drawing? This may not look good for WCW.

Justin Hoyer---Stony Point, NY

Siegel's Column

Regarding wrestlings' increased visability in the Hogan era vis-a-vis the apathy towards the WWF scandals from the casuals and general public, my suggestion is that wrestling increased in popularity but not in respectability. Mainstream appeal is far different than mainstream acceptance.

Joe Stuntebeck
Minneapolis, MN

Butch

I'm more frustrated than a Korean shopkeeper with a pistol full of blanks. My life is a series of miserable failures, the latest being my crummy idea to release a tape called "Rodney King's Greatest Hits". I was wondering how long it would take for my hero and role model Vince McMahon, Jr. to exploit the L.A. riots until I remembered that our beloved fan favorite- Big Boss Man has been cuffing and clubbing unconsciou jobbers with his nightstick for years. Wanna bet that Vince turns the Big BM to exploit the situation even further? I also feel that L.A. police chief Darryl Gates is emminately qualified for the WWF booking job.

I also got the bejesus kicked out of me last week for wearing my "Y" cap in the wrong neighborhood. How was I supposed to know that it should have been an "X"? It all started when I asked if Spike Lee was related to Brenda Lee.

Butch Bigelow
Dead Dog, KY

READER PROFILES

NAME: RODNEY LAWRENCE LEIGHTON

OCCUPATION: Forestry Worker

BORN: July 17, 1948 in a Nova Scotia village called Bramber

WHAT 3 WORDS DESCRIBE YOU BEST: Honest, Moody, Emotional

DREAM VACATION: 6 weeks in Japan during the height of the wrestling season with enough money to take a dozen friends the entire trip.

THINGS YOU CAN DO WITHOUT: Feuds in the sheets, coffee, booze, tobacco, snow.

WHOM IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH: Marilyn Rundle

MOVIE YOU COULD SEE ANYTIME: Pork My Wife, Please?

3 THINGS THAT CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR: orange pop, bacon, pepperoni

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE: Ron Jeremy

WHAT TV SHOW DO YOU NEVER MISS: Golden Girls

FAVORITE WRESTLING MOMENT: Going nose to nose with Sweet Daddy Siki for 3 minutes.

NAME: KLON (a.k.a. Kent Herron)

OCCUPATION: Technical Proposal Specialist for Harris Corporation.

BORN: November 7, 1955 Norton, Virginia

WHAT 3 WORDS DESCRIBE YOU BEST: Persnickety, Emotive, &

DREAM VACATION: A month long trip to Japan with Dave Meltzer, Steve Sims, Jeff Mullins, and Ron Lemieux

THINGS YOU CAN DO WITHOUT: Computer generated auto-dial calls that can bypass my answering machine. Unexpected guests at my door.

WHOM IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH: A meal of Thai

cuisine prepared by noted Thai chef Tommy Tang for me and my guest Bob

MOVIE YOU COULD SEE ANYTIME: Double Indemnity (1944) Dylan

3 THINGS THAT CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR: Brown rice, Morning

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE: Gary Busey (but only as he appears in the last half of the film Barbarosa)

WHAT TV SHOW DO YOU NEVER MISS: New Japan Pro Wrestling, The Guiding Light,

FAVORITE WRESTLING MOMENT: America's Most Wanted, Cops, In Living Color